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Remembrance Day: Grove Of The Unforgotten Araluen



Lest We Forget



December Cover

The December Courier cover features Roleystone Community College Head Girl Jasmine Smith laying a wreath in the pool of reflection during the Remembrance Day Service at Araluen Botanic Park. It's 100 years since the soldiers left to fight in the Great War and 80 years since JJ (Boss) Simons built this hauntingly beautiful shrine. The picture was taken by Marit Dew, Pink Umbrella Photography.



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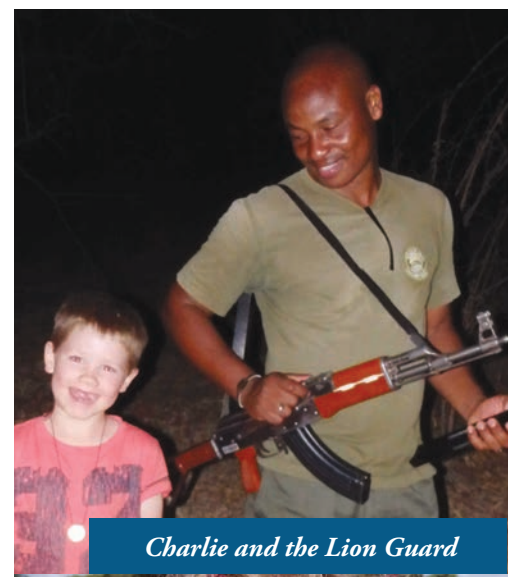
At the end of October we completed our month in Africa. Although the trip was focused on spending time at Njelela Secondary School we also managed to enjoy African wildlife in the Ruaha National Park, cool highland towns, and the generosity of African hospitality. I wrote this in Dar Es Salaam where we had a few days to rest and swim before heading home.

I have been very impressed with our children, Amelia, Sally and Charlie, who have risen to every challenge with good will and a sense of humour as travelling in Africa can be confronting. After a trip to the toilet on a train which was just a hole in the floor Charlie commented that "trains do wee mum!". We have all learnt to enjoy the simplicity of a simple African diet consisting mainly of ugali (cooked maize flour) and beans. Life for the students at the Njelela school is hard. After a day of study their time is taken up with cleaning the school, carting buckets of water from a nearby river to water vegetables, pumping water from a well and collecting firewood. Malaria and typhoid are realities of life.

For us it has been a stark reminder of the luxuries of our own lives and an important lesson for the kids that holidays can be about many things. Sally and Amelia put a lot of hard work into finding opportunities to interact with the students at Njelela. Loom bands and elastics both proved to be popular hits! I found the time quite challenging as the cultural divide was very big and I wondered what I could have to offer.

Paul had already been there for many weeks setting up electricity in dorms, giving presentations to the students and generally achieving an amazing amount in a short period of time. I came to realise however that what I considered to be a small contribution could actually have a big impact.

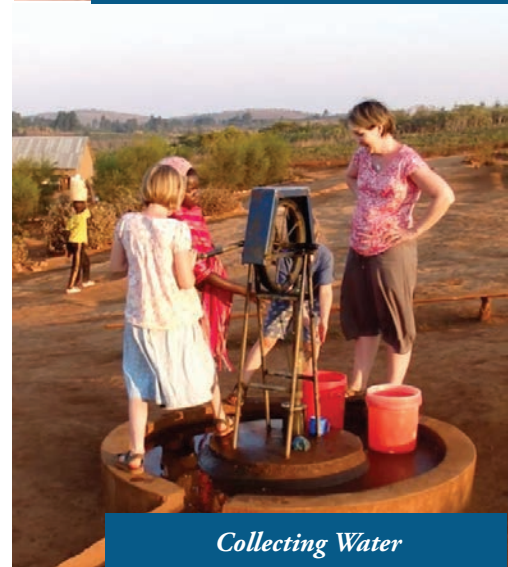
Occasions that stood out were giving basic computer lessons to an enthusiastic student and discussions with teachers about parenting and teaching styles after it was observed that I was "more than just a mother" to my children. In Tanzania, particularly in rural areas, children can be treated harshly by their parents and teachers, although this is now changing. A particular highlight was a little girl attending a church service in rags and without her parents. She sat close to us sneaking many looks, until she managed to work up the courage to smile and then she touched me again and again until she gained the courage to hold my hand. From there we shared the church service holding hands. She didn't want much from me just a smile and a touch but the reward for me was huge. Njelela is still a developing school with the potential to provide so many long term benefits. A good quality education for a child in Tanzania changes not only their lives but those of their family. There are opportunities for you to share your good fortune with them.



Charlie and the Lion Guard



Sally and a chameleon



Collecting Water

Some of the children attending Njelela are unable to pay their school fees and these fees are needed for the school's running costs. Photos of these students can be seen on the school website (www.njelelaschool.com.au). It costs just \$700 to cover a child's school and boarding fees for the year. If you are interested in sponsoring a student or getting involved in other ways we would love to hear from you. Paul can be contacted on his mobile 0400 521 184.

Dimity Mutton



Farewell Rod

Rod Ross has been an icon of Araluen Botanic Park and after fifteen years of service as the General Manager of the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation (Inc.), he has retired.

Rod has worked tirelessly for the Park and under his governorship it has developed to be the amazing and spectacular place it is today. Rod has been General Manager over some very trying times and he has handled every

setback and disappointment with grace and professional authority. His work in welding together a close knit team is only matched with his skill in handling the complex public relations necessary in managing one of the foremost tourist attractions in our state.

All who have worked with him will recall Rod's unflappable manner along with his ability to 'get on' with everyone. We will be very sorry to see him go but take this opportunity to wish Rod and Gail every happiness in their retirement. No doubt Rod will be back as a 'Wednesday Wonder'.

At a function to farewell Rod Ross in late November, President of the Araluen Botanic Park Foundation, Mike Nelson, said:

'During his time, Rod has overseen extraordinary changes in the Park. The triumphant return of the *It's Springtime at Araluen* tulip festival, with the largest-ever planting of tulips must be a highlight of Rod's reign. Other achievements of Rod and the team have been the highly successful *Araluen's Fremantle Chilli Festival*, active involvement with the local business community, the ever-increasing volunteer involvement in the Park and the steady growth in visitor numbers and members.'

To replace Rod will be a difficult task but the Botanic Park Foundation Council has recently announced that Garden Development Manager, Grant Nixon, has been promoted to fill the General Manager position.



And Welcome To Grant

"The Council was pleased to offer the position of General Manager to Grant Nixon. Grant's long-term commitment to Araluen and his encyclopaedic knowledge of all matters relating to the Park, fit him to lead the team at a very exciting time. The Council of the Foundation looks forward to the future with continued confidence," said Mike Nelson.

The Roleystone Courier has enjoyed working closely with Rod and we wish him well and we are also overjoyed to be entering a new era, working with Grant.

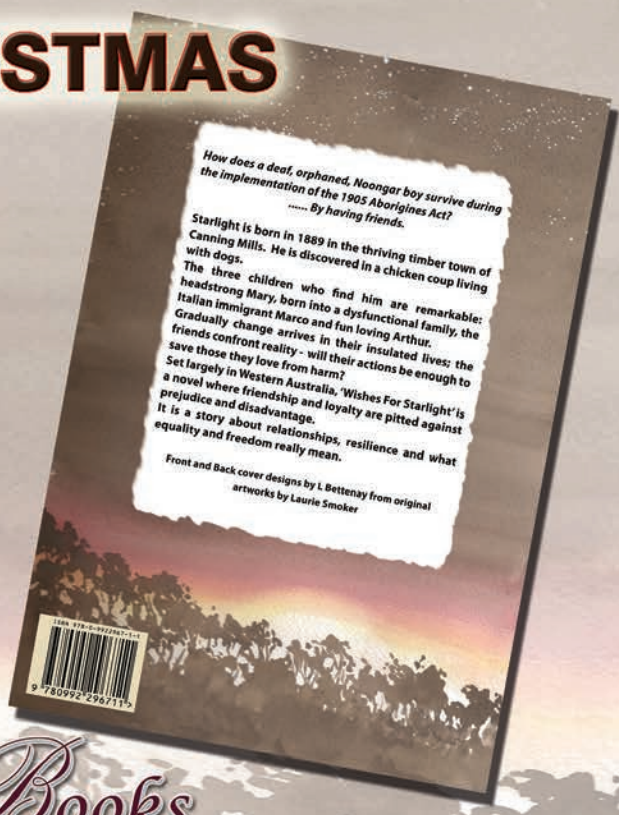
Well done to all at Araluen and long may your garden grow.

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For Starlight**
Linda J Bettenay

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Set largely in Western Australia, 'Wishes For Starlight' is a novel where friendship and loyalty are pitted against prejudice and disadvantage. It is a story about relationships, resilience and what equality and freedom really mean.

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HAPPY SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAY SUZIE

*In early November Sue Kemp celebrated a significant birthday with a low key dinner - why should a person who has decreed that she will 'remain 21' make a fuss about a birthday????
Many happy returns Suzie.*



RCC IS SMARTER THAN EVERYONE AGAIN

For the fourth year in a row, Roleystone Community College has won the Smarter than Smoking Young Director's Festival for a 30 second commercial about the dangers of smoking amongst the early teen peer group.

At a gala viewing night at Armadale Grand Cinemas, RCC took out the overall winner for secondary schools and also collected the Excellence in Acting award.

Specialist Digital Media Teacher Mrs Bullock congratulated the Year 8 film students, saying they worked in a professional manner to produce industry standard work. The commercial was filmed on site at the College with a purpose built set in the Media suite with auditions for the two male leads, Orion Francis-Roberts and James Usmar, held within the Year 5 - 9 cohorts.

This year's competition was organised differently with a number of secondary

schools competing against each other and a number of primary schools entering commercials, with Serpentine Primary School awarded the overall winner in its category.

More than 200 community members, students and teachers attended the viewing night, with judges led by a panel of WA health agencies and Murdoch University.

Coordinated by the Smarter than Smoking Project and South Metropolitan Public Health Unit in Armadale, the Smarter than Smoking Young Director's Festival is an innovative approach to health promotion in the school setting, that provides an opportunity to deliver smoking prevention education within schools.

Roleystone Community College's winning commercial will now be screened at Armadale Grand Cinemas from Boxing Day until early March next year.





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Editorial

DECEMBER 2014



Here I am just completing my December Courier and it is certainly a bumper edition. Only two months ago I finished my 75th Courier - and I am still enjoying this one as much as I enjoyed the first. At 52 pages the December Courier is brimming full of stories and information - there is something in it for everyone.

Thanks again to all of the contributors - your submissions are very welcome. And particular thanks to all of our wonderful advertisers, I wish you all joy, good health and prosperity in the new year ahead.

Firstly this month I would like to congratulate Deb De Boer and the Roleystone Musicians Club for their generosity of spirit in running an amazing Halloween Party for the children of our town. It was exceptionally successful and shows what can be achieved when folks work together cooperatively. The young ones were winners and of course their parents benefitted by having a worry free Halloween evening.

Other organisations too have recently had some amazing success. The Roleystone Country Club is now nearing a record number of members and, by all accounts, their events are being well supported. Well done to the Committee for your hard work.

I recently had the opportunity to speak at the Remembrance Day commemoration held at the Grove of the Unforgotten in Araluen Botanic Park. It gave me an opportunity to reflect - and our location has a lot to reflect on. This was once again a poignant and well

run ceremony and I do not believe that there is any better place in our country to recognise our soldiers' service and sacrifice. So once again, well done to all concerned.

If you have not yet attended this service I urge you to come to next year's when we commemorate 100 years since the Battle of Gallipoli. This month I launched my second book: 'Wishes For Starlight'. It is set right here and although the stories are fictitious, they are based on yarns from our pioneers. I hope the book will also teach readers just how significant our area is in the development of our State. I wish you pleasure in reading it. Once again there is a lot planned across town for Christmas and New Year. I wish everyone a wonderful, Christmas. Please be safe, enjoy time with your family and friends and we will see you back at the end of January. Happy reading.

Linda Moore

Pictured below, photos from my book launch. Thanks to Marit Dew and Zyg Woltersdorf for these.

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Auf Wiedersehen

On Saturday 22 November, after many months of excitement and planning, 16 year old Sophie Sallur finally flew out of Perth on a trip of a lifetime to Germany for 12 weeks. Sophie, along with fellow Kelmscott Senior High Senior student Shannai Belton, won a full fee paying scholarship.

Awarded by the Society for Australian-German Student Exchange Inc., GMA Garnett, the Rhein-Donau Club and the WA German Business Association to travel to Germany this allows her to live with a host family, attend a local school, experience a different culture and way of life and also travel within the country.

Sophie will spend a week in Berlin as 'free travel' and a week in Cologne at a winter camp, while living the rest of the time with her host family in Lubeck, which is only an hour from Hamburg.

Sophie was very excited to receive the news she would be 'hosted' in Lubeck, as she had studied and prepared a report for her German class on this very pretty and picturesque town in northern Germany which sits on the river Trave.

Already in a call home Sophie has squealed that the place looks like it's out of a fairy-tale, and she can't wait to explore!

Earlier this month Sophie and Shannai took part in a very important event for the Perth German community – the 40th anniversary of the dismantling of the Berlin Wall. Students from Kelmscott Senior High School performed a special sketch and Sophie and Shannai were officially presented with their scholarships, by State Treasurer Mr Mike Nahan.

It is the third year in a row that students from K.S.H.S. have won the scholarships, which are open for any students in a WA public school studying German. This is a fantastic endorsement of the great work the teachers at Kelmscott are doing.

We are very excited for Sophie – 5 years ago our eldest son Monty also won a scholarship to spend 4 weeks in Germany.

He went in July to Kelheim in the south in Bavaria and also travelled to Munich, Cologne and Berlin. He had a wonderful time and we are sure that Sophie will also have lots of stories to tell us and loads of photos to send us. She has the added delight of a German Christmas and New Year, with all the different customs and sights to experience and be a part of.

Seeing snow for the first time and having a go at skiing are a couple of things she is very excited about. But riding a bicycle to school every day in the snow, which Jan-Henning her host 'brother' says is what they will be doing, does not seem so attractive. We can't wait to see those photos!

Vicki Sallur

Pictured: Sophie with her dad Adam and her mum Vicki and with the other scholarship winner, Shannai.



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The Olden Days

On Wednesday November 5th I was invited to talk about 'school life in the olden days' to Mrs Watson's and Mrs Hermanniusson's year two classes. I had been a student at Roleystone Primary School with Pat and I was at Armadale Senior High School with Unnur, so our paths went way back (apparently the 1960s qualifies as the olden days).

Now after I got over the initial shock of realising I would remember 'the olden days' I girded myself up to the challenge. What would year 2's like to know about schooling in the district in days gone by?

Mostly I relayed some of my memories of Roleystone Primary School. Things like: we didn't wear shoes, we had milk at recess, we had no canteen but once a week we had tuck shop: mince on toast (with tomato sauce) in the winter and polony and cheese (yes with the obligatory tomato sauce) in the summer. Our mums were the tuckshop ladies. Pat and I recalled when the school uniform changed to red and white - before this it was pink and green.

Now the youngsters were mildly interested when I spoke about my experiences but they found the stories I told about my dad's school time memories amazing. When I told them about boys taking rifles to school so they could shoot rabbits for tea on the way home, their eyes were like saucers.

In my last story I relayed the true yarn of the Karragullen School mutiny where all of the students decided to go on a picnic rather than go to school. At the time there was a very weak teacher and some very strong minded 'big kids'. Apparently Ken Smailes and Jackie O'Meagher were two of the ring leaders. When they declared that school was boring and that they were off to Boulder Rocks for a picnic - the rest of the school fell in line and went too. This happened for three days. On the fourth day they arrived at the school and found that the weak teacher had been replaced by Mr Oliver, a mountainous man who announced to the quivering assembly as he belted the cane on his leg:

'I believe the last teacher had a little bit of a problem....' The mutiny was squashed, everyone was caned (apparently he used the cane on the students liberally and without mercy for many years to come). Mr Oliver was also widely regarded as an excellent teacher who stayed at the school for the next seven years. And with that tale my recollections were over.

I did enjoy the chat and the children behaved beautifully and were amazing. Thanks so much for the opportunity to spend some time reminiscing ...
Linda Moore (nee Bettenay)

Dear Mrs Moore

I liked the talk about the rules at your school like no shoes and milk at recess etc. I liked hearing about Starlight. I liked the picnic story because that would never happen now.

Your friend Ella

Dear Mrs Moore

Thanks for that information. I told my mum. My favourite was the picnic story. It was really fun. It would be good if we didn't have to wear shoes to school. I think it was really great.

From Riley

Dear Mrs Moore

Thanks for telling us about the past. I liked the stories you told us. My favourite story was when the boys took their rifles to school and after school they shot rabbits for dinner. If I did that my mum would scream and put it in the bin. I would like not to have to wear school clothes.

Your friend Sammy

Dear Mrs Moore

Thank you for talking about the olden days. How do you make a cover of a book? I want to be an illustrator one day. I think it will be fun to wear no shoes to school.

From Georgia

Dear Mrs Moore

Thanks for telling us about the past. My favourite bit was about the Starlight Book. Everyone in our class likes you. Thank you once again.

Lauren Garske

Dear Mrs Moore

I liked how you talked about Karragullen Primary School. My father Paul Littlely went to that school. He is forty five and your dad is ninety two.

From Elizabeth Littlely



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Credit also to the supervising staff who organised the teams so effectively. One hears so much negativity about the youth of today but the parents and College should be justifiably proud of the community spirit shown by these young people.

This was one of two homes that the cadets worked on that afternoon. We usually help 24 clients per year. This Wednesday the cadets are back on the Canning River removing dumped rubbish from the waterway and banks.

Ron Withnell
 Red Cross Cadet Coordinator
 Southern Hills Christian College



POLE WALKING COMES TO ROLEYSTONE!

I have recently been volunteering my time at the Shire of Armadale Tourist Information Centre as a group leader for pole walking, (quite unlike pole vaulting & pole dancing!) and more recently you may have seen a group wandering around the streets of Roleystone too.

This form of exercise has been practised since the 1930s by cross country skiers as their summer fitness conditioning and has been adopted by some health professionals as a form of rehabilitation for their patients. It is now practised by tens of thousands throughout Europe since the 1990s. Some of the benefits include burning 30% more calories than regular walking and is healthy for your heart with 20-40% more oxygen uptake. It totally tones your body as every muscle works and has a greater influence on mood and stresses than

regular walking. It's a great form of exercise for the fit and not so fit, so if you would like to join us we leave from the Recreation Centre on Wygonda Road on Tuesday's at 8:30am sharp. We hope to have a group leaving on Tuesday and Friday in the new year but with the warmer weather we'll probably leave at 6.30am. The cost is a mere gold coin donation. The poles are kindly provided by the City of Armadale.

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June Copely

Pictured l-r: Shirley McCully, Pam Bryant, Ros Baker, Rosmarie Benedetto, June Copely and Beth Woodland.



A Very Great: Sundae Surprise

Sunday the 26th of October was certainly a day to remember as far as drama and surprise is concerned. I was awoken by Braxton Hicks and after having our last baby 3 weeks early both hubby and I were fully prepared for the 'practice contractions' to turn out to be something more serious. Looking back at it now it was merely sympathy contractions... Imagine the surprise as I looked into the paddock whilst having my morning cup of tea from the back patio. I saw what I thought was a kangaroo, but on second glance it was a horse, a foal in fact! My first thought was 'where has this poor baby escaped from?'

Then I saw it begin to nurse from one of my mares, Shianne the Leopard Appaloosa had dropped a foal in the night!

How could this be? She had shown no signs of pregnancy. It was a total shock. How could I have not known? I had heard of it happening but never thought I'd be in the midst of it myself one day!

Lots of colourful language followed by phone calls to those near and dear to me then took place. No one believed me at first and some of the replies included "shut the front door!" (Julia Hoareau) and then tears of joy from others. It was such a special surprise and everyone who knows the lovable, sweet natured mare agreed that it was a true gift.

Being pregnant has meant that I stopped riding a few months back and leased this horse out to Julia and Meaghan. Now the thought running through everyone's heads now was 'did we push her too hard in her final days of pregnancy?' The guilt factor was consuming poor Julia who had recently participated in a show jumping and cross country training day and Meaghan who had taken her to a show just 2 weeks prior. Not to mention



all of the trail rides through the Roleystone hills and valleys. The vet was called and carried out a blood test to ensure the new filly's antibodies were of a high enough level to ensure strong immunity which thankfully they were. Whilst present we all bombarded her with the questions on our minds; How does this happen? Vet: Happens at least 10+ each year. Shianne was in full work right up until the birth, was this ok? Vet: Yes, just like humans it probably did her a world of good. With our minds now at ease about the foal's health and Shianne's wellbeing, we then began to think about who the father of this filly could be? I bought Shianne in December 2013 and the vet mentioned that the foal was full term so gestation would have been 320-340 days, meaning she was pregnant prior to me picking her up. When I called the previous owner to discuss the 'immaculate conception' she confirmed that the Quarter Horse stallion on the farm had actually escaped around 10 days prior to me collecting her. Well it was all making sense, apart from the whole: 'How did we not notice' part? During the time I have owned her she had been seen by many horse experts. Not once did anyone mention that she looked pregnant. To top it off that day my Dorper ewe Dolly gave birth to a healthy happy lamb too. Unfortunately Dolly didn't make it so we are left with the little guy who is being bottle fed and truly believes he is a human. We called the new filly Sundae Surprise. We know that this little filly will be special. I look forward to watching my children, nieces and friends children ride her one day.

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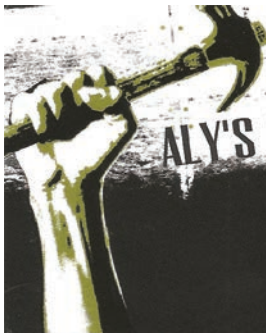
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Letters to the Editor

Armadale Hall Refurbishment

The community needs to be made aware that the planned changes for the Armadale District Hall include the removal of the gallery/balcony and demolition of the two outer front wings of the building.

Another lesser hall is to be added to the eastern side, removing from view the beautiful art deco hall from the heritage/tourist precinct. One might ask how can so many changes be made to a heritage listed building. Perhaps your local councillors could answer that, or the Heritage Council of WA. The City of Armadale is about to spend \$3.5 million on the hall with a view to turning it into a performing arts centre.

Only 315 patrons can be seated in the hall at the moment.

That number will not increase with the new developments in place and our Heritage Listed Armadale District Hall will be changed forever.

There is no plan for extra parking at the hall. Why not have refurbishment and an upgrade of facilities rather than spending \$3.5 million on a hall which will not be suitable as a performing arts centre?

*Kath Coulthard
Kelmscott*

A Wonderful Welcome At Lawn Bowls

I'm a 43 year old bloke a good few years past his sporting prime so I recently decided to try my hand at getting a game of pennant lawn bowls with Roleystone.

I am a naturally fairly reserved and somewhat shy bloke so it was with some trepidation that I headed down to training on that first Wednesday afternoon.

Well I can tell you that the warm welcome I received was amazing. In fact I don't think I have been that warmly received since I won big once on a Melbourne Cup and shouted the bar!

I initially thought somewhat sceptically and probably because being until recently a city slicker that this welcome was too good to be true, wow they must really be desperate for bowlers! However, I took my wife down to the Roleystone Country Club the Friday night after that first training and if anything, the welcome we both received there was even warmer. So much so that we both felt like rock stars!

I think every single person in the bar came and said g'day to us and nearly all stopped to have a lovely chat.

I've now played the first 2 games of the pennant lawn bowls season, been to Wednesday training sessions and also taken the family to the club for a couple of meals and the only thing that has changed from that first day is that now the warm welcomes we get are from new friends and not from strangers.

I know the Country Club is about to have Corporate Bowls again soon which is very much aimed at the novice bowler and I can only encourage you all to get along.

Bowlers come in all shapes, sizes and ages and I can tell you that regardless of the result, they all have a great time and are extremely friendly and fun to be around.

I am certain that you'll be welcomed as warmly as we have been and despite my shyness, I'll now be one of those doing the welcoming. Thank so much to my new friends at the Roleystone Country Club, you've really shown us exactly why we moved our family up to this amazing community.

Scott Mosey

Armadale Town Hall Heritage Integrity Under Threat

The Armadale Town Hall is one of the oldest State heritage listed buildings the City owns and is an iconic feature of the City Centre. The question many would like answered is: just how many changes can occur to a heritage listed building before it loses its integrity?

The City of Armadale has a draft plan for the upgrade of the Armadale Town Hall that has recently gone out to public comment. If permission is given to proceed the additions and alterations proposed will ruin the high quality heritage values of this historic building and reduce it to a very basic looking upgraded old hall. The iconic values that it now has will be gone. This building is an important part of our heritage.

The final report is yet to go to Council for their approval. If approved by Council it will be referred onto the Heritage Council of WA for their permission to proceed. One can only hope that the majority of Councillors will acknowledge the outstanding historical significance of the building and reject the proposal. If it does get through then one can only hope that the Heritage Council does what it is supposed to do.

I think this historic building needs to be saved!

Pat Hart

Angel Heather

Angel Heather will be at the Armadale Library on Thursday 11 December, 6.30 – 7.30pm.

Join us to celebrate Christmas. Our special guest Angel will read a story and spread some Christmas magic. There will also be dancing and a craft activity.

This session is suitable for children aged four years and older. Bookings are essential. Visit: library.armadale.wa.gov.au or call 9399 0125 to book your place.



Scary Spiders



This spider was crawling across my kitchen floor, a few months ago. I didn't feel it really belonged where it was, nor did I recognise it. I trapped it under a wine glass (of course) covered it with cling film and froze it.

My spider book says it looks VERY like a Sydney Funnel Web. Once, long ago, I had a close encounter of a very scary funnel-web kind, in the North Sydney area.... so I'm inclined to agree.... but how do I know for sure? If it is, how did it get here, in my kitchen?? ARE theyoh!..... here?(OMG).

I wonder if any readers might recognise it? That's my 15 year old grand-daughter bravely giving a "hand size" comparison. The spider is now re-frozen!

I'd like to know what I have here! Any ideas?

Pat Best
Roleystone
9496 0862

More Concern Over Skateboarders

Having read the letter written by a Concerned Resident re Skateboarder's in The November edition of the Roleystone Courier, you can imagine my horror in witnessing a young girl flying down Holden Road on her skateboard followed by a boy who looked only slightly older. Another lad had pulled up on the left of Holden Road near the entrance to The Vale.

This frightening scene took place on Saturday 8th of November at 2:30 pm. I had just entered Holden Road from Brookton Hwy, so many awful images passed through

my mind! They only needed to hit a bump in the road and the rest would have been tragic.

We are being reminded to respect cyclists on the road - do we now have to worry about children coming from nowhere? This is a major road that is reasonably steep and has a bend making it harder to foresee an incident like this.

Please parents talk to your children about this matter. The Skate Park is there for them to play and have fun - not roads or Shopping Centres.

Another concerned resident
Lyn Place



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Local Business - Coastline Sheds Wins BA Award

The annual Armadale Business Awards held in the Armadale District Hall in November were an amazing affair attended by business representatives across the City of Armadale.

Coastline Sheds received a real nice surprise when Roleystone local, owner René Dorgelo was called up to receive the highly coveted: "Excellence in Small Business Award" from Mayor Henry Zelonos.

The Mayor impressed on the audience the importance of this award as our economy really gets carried by small business.

The competition was of a very high standard.

"It was a great honour to receive such a great award. I see this as a fantastic reward after taking over Coastline Sheds only one year ago. We are now the only shed builders who still make custom built sheds. This award is a great stimulus to us to continue to supply high quality old school sheds."



"I believe it is our service and the quality of our work that sets us apart," said winner René Dorgelo.

We congratulate Coastline Sheds with this award and wish them well in the coming year.

Linton Reynolds: 'For King & Country, 1914 - 1919'

On the 22 November former City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds shared his research about the local men and women who left our shores to fight for King and Country between 1914 and 1919.

Attendees were told about the resources that were used, and how they were interpreted, giving them an insight into the people on the frontline.

Linton presented his interpretation of The War based on diaries of Claude Marsh, a prisoner of war who was one of the many local young men who enlisted to fight for the Mother Country.

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Jamie grew up attending school and working in Roleystone before moving to a property just out of Perth where the couple have now settled.

We welcome Courtenay into the Forward family.

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Makayla Donnelly Arrives

My sister and brother-in-law (Nicole & Blair Donnelly) live in Chevin Woods and recently had their first baby. Makayla Lillian Donnelly born 22nd Oct. She is perfect in every way we are all as proud as punch.

Tracey Milne
Pictured: Tracey and Josie Milne with Makayla and below with Grandma Jean.



Lots of Babies Born In Roley in November



At left: Stephen And Evie Molson welcomed little Hayley Rose to the world on Thursday 27th of November. She was born at Kalamunda, 8lbs 5oz, 10:16pm. A little sister to Beau, mummy's angel and daddy's little girl. Everyone is in love. Evie and Steve Molson



At right: Wyatt Weaver was born to Darren Weaver and Emma Nightingale on the 26th November.

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Farewell Blanche

Lillian Blanche Wood was born in Victoria on the 4th November 1927 to Margaret and Bill Wood. Blanche was one of thirteen children, three died as children. She was their second daughter. They moved to Western Australia when Blanche was about three years old. Blanche's childhood was spent on a dairy farm; it was a hard life although with lots of good home-grown food. Blanche was known to be a shy and slightly timid child, something that many of you who have known her in recent times might find unbelievable.

Blanche's life seems to have had three distinct cycles.

Her first stage is of a young girl loved by her family. As a teenager Blanche and her sister were encouraged by their local teacher to become debutants but their parents were not for this as they were concerned for their virtue. Also they were Protestants and the debutant ball was run by the Catholics. In the end they were allowed to go but their father insisted on taking them. Margaret had already secretly arranged a partner for herself and Blanche was to be escorted by a local boy. To their great disappointment their father arrived to take them home at 11.00pm before he left for work. The girls climbed out of their bedroom window and went back to the ball where they stayed until 2.00am in the morning.

Blanche's second stage of life began when she met Matt Mateljan at a local dance. It was quite a risky thing to do, a young Aussie girl going out with a "foreigner" in those days. Matt and Blanche married when she was 20 years old and lived for a few years at the family vineyard. Blanche loved these years here as she was welcomed into this European family with open arms. Matt and Blanche had their first child, Diane before moving into their first home in Middle Swan. Blanche had two more children,

Terry and Rhonda and fulfilled her dream of the little house with the white picket fence. Blanche's life was filled with raising her family, helping friends and neighbours. Her passion for volunteering started here.

When Blanche was 57 life changed, her loving husband Matt died. Six years later she decided to make a final change.

Stage three for Blanche was in many ways the time she blossomed the most. She moved to Roleystone so as to be near family in preparation for her old age. She made many wonderful friends in Hillendale Retirement Village and became their Village Co-ordinator. She also was involved with the forming of the Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club. But in one very magic moment, Diane asked her to attend a meeting at Araluen Botanic Park when the campaign to save it was started. This started her love affair with the park. Lady Blanche, as her friend Jackie would call her, found her passion again helping save the park. Blanche was one of the amazing group of people called the "Wednesday Wonders".

This group of friends would go to Araluen every Wednesday morning and work in the garden. She made the most fabulous friends there and found people who were her kindred spirits. They are the most hardworking, garden crazy bunch of people who were also lovers of life.

Blanche stayed active until July this year when she fell ill. At the age of 87 she passed away feeling so very loved by her family and friends. Blanche often would say whilst ill that she was "living on love".

Diane Horgan

You will live on in my memory Blanche. I will think of you in tulip time. Linda Moore.

Blanche Mateljan

Our lovely Mum and Nan passed away recently at the age of 87 years after a short illness. Blanche came to this community in 1989 to be nearer to her family and settled into Roleystone beautifully. She found great joy in belonging to the Hillendale Village Community, Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club, Roleybushcare and Araluen Botanic Park.

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In Roleystone, 1.45 kilometres of powerline and a total of 36 poles are being upgraded to support the new Hendrix powerline. Hendrix requires larger power poles because it is a heavier powerline. As a result, a small number of power poles are required to be replaced.

In 2009, Hendrix had not been widely installed in the electricity network, and another type of powerline was installed in the Roleystone area.

It has since been decided that the benefits of Hendrix powerlines for this particular section of network in Peet Road outweighed the sooner than expected replacement of the current powerlines. Installing Hendrix cable in the Perth Hills is one example of how Western Power is preparing for the coming bushfire season and reducing the risk of bushfires this summer.

We thank you for your interest in the electricity network as we enhance our infrastructure in your area.

David Masters
 Western Power

Progress on Seniors' Housing for Roleystone

The following letter has been received by the Roleystone Karragullen Seniors' Committee from Minister Kim Haymes advising that special provisions to the sewerage policy have been made to enable the old Primary School site to be developed for Seniors' Housing, subject to one condition.

Thank you for your letter of 30 October 2014 regarding housing for seniors at the old Roleystone Primary School site.

The Government Sewerage Policy - Perth Metropolitan Region recognises the need for aged home accommodation in the community and has made special provisions for such development. The Sewerage Policy normally requires residential lots to be a minimum of 2000m². However, an aged home development may have a minimum lot size of 700m² without the need to connect to sewer on condition that the site must be proven to be suitable for onsite effluent disposal through an appropriate geotechnical report.

Based on the size of the subject land, 44 lots can be developed for aged home accommodation if site conditions permit.

In addition, the Sewerage Policy requires the support of the local government for such a development at a given unsewered site. In this regard, the City of Armadale has recently advised the Department of Health (DOH) that it believes that there is a need for an aged home development in the area and that this is the most suitable location for such a development.

The DOH has similarly advised the City of Armadale of its support for the development as outlined above.

I trust the information provided is of assistance to you and the Housing Committee.

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Cats Verses Wildlife

After chatting with a friend today I feel compelled to write this in the hope that at least some cat owners of Roleystone will read it. We too are both cat lovers, although I haven't had a cat since my last dear, departed some thirty years ago. Why? because cats and our wildlife aren't a good mix.

My feline used to bring home her 'kill' to show how clever she was at catching not only mice but reptiles and birds also. My friend was saddened by the loss of whole families of bandicoots which she had seen grow in numbers and grow from babies into adults in her garden, only to be totally decimated by her neighbour cats. The killings didn't end there, with also the loss of beautiful monitor lizards, goannas and new fledgling birds just out of their nests. So my appeal is to cat owners to consider having an enclosure that your cats go into when they leave the confines of your home. Either by enclosing your patio/verandah or perhaps buying a second hand aviary that can be fitted out with plants, scratching poles etc. this also ensures your beloved pets safety from being menaced by other 'Toms' or becoming roadkill, a sad end to their lives and sadder yet for the motorist. I'm not sure of the local bylaws of owning cats but as a dog owner we have to comply with microchipping, registration, keeping them fenced or on leashes in public open spaces and last but not least the delight of picking up their poo! So come on cat owners, help to protect our wildlife for future generations, step up to the plate and be responsible. Please consider what you can do.

June Copley

Unscrupulous Tree Loppers - A Community Alert

Various tree lopping contractors are currently door knocking around Roleystone, offering tree lopping services to residents. Here is a word of caution about one of these operators.

Recently a Roleystone resident was approached by an amiable man offering tree lopping services. He passed her a card and told her a heart wrenching story about trying to get work to support his young family and get established in WA. He stated that he had full insurance and all of the equipment necessary (including a cherry picker) and then offered her the clincher - a very cheap price. This is her story:

'He arrived with his wife and toddler and the only equipment was a large ladder and a rope. The job was a disaster. He proceeded to climb and cut using no safety equipment - the wife was instructed to use a rope to try to give the falling timber some direction. He demolished an expensive aviary and

my rose garden was ruined.

He was now quite aggressive and demanded to be paid in cash. He showed no remorse about the damage and stated that his insurance had lapsed.

I am now left with a mess and a quandary. Should I attempt to get financial recompense from a person who has probably little ability to pay compensation? At least I have learnt a lesson.

My advice: if you must employ a transitory door knocking tree lopper - check out whether they are insured with your own insurance company - they can easily check whether a policy is active.'

The City of Armadale advised that work done by these contractors is not endorsed by Council. If residents are in doubt about the credentials of these companies, it is recommended that they contact ASIC on 1300 300 630 or DOCEP on 9282 0777 and ask for proof of public liability insurance.

Names are withheld

How's This For Amazing Service?

Last Friday I had a busy day of running around. I dropped something off at my friends house in Roleystone before heading to Midland to do a few things. I just got to the bottom of her street & my car made a terrible noise & a light flashed on the dash. I crawled down to see Paul at Campbell's Auto Service Centre. Paul put his meter on it & discovered I had burnt out a coil for one of the spark plugs. As I had an appointment at 2pm in Kelmscott that could not be changed, he set to work. Ordered the part, fitted it & reprogrammed my computer then called at 12.30pm to say it was ready to go AND all at a price I didn't need to take a second mortgage out to meet. Thanks heaps Paul.

I am glad you are now my mechanic.

Sharon Knapp

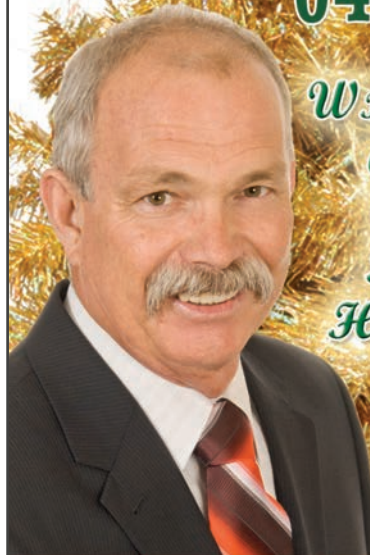
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Recently I learned of an absurd misuse of maps, notably by the Big G Earth. According to the Big G, a road ran through my friends' property over a steep hill and directly down to Araluen Botanic Park. Never mind that such a road has never existed, Big G said it did. And yes, there was a bus [which to be fair once existed], which, if you alighted at the stop outside my friends' home, would take you there, rather than you trekking up the non-existent road.

So picture this. You're eating your cornflakes on a weekend morning when a gaggle of neatly dressed Japanese tourists appear through your kitchen window heading up your drive in search of botanical delights. Doing the right thing, you scoff your brekkie, don the daks and drive them around to the park. You do this the next weekend as well, then the next. Your partner also puts in and acts as chauffeur during the week, until you confer and realise the enormity of the deception.

So you contact the bus company, and yes it's a government service so change comes slowly, and you contact the Big G assuming, well they're computerised webwide etc and so change should be swift. Ah no.

You then resort to locking the gate, an unheard of practice in our suburb, and then, when that fails, you signpost the gates, with large arrows, pointing down the highway. Undeterred the polite tourists keep arriving, waving at you as they march cheerily towards your back fence. You no longer provide the taxi, your tone is now more severe, a touch strident even.

You begin to wonder if it is the Off-the Beaten-Track God, up to his old tricks

again. Like the time you were lured in by the orange tourist trail signs on your way home from the bush. Settler's Grave Site it reads, with an arrow pointing through a paddock [or a forest] to your right. Off you veer to view The Settler's last remains. The road narrows, you begin to fear for your tyres and then your sump; the bush closes in and the sun, once high at the turn off, is now an ominous red glow. Of The Settler and her grave, not a dickie bird, just some raucous cows cawing in delight at your predicament. If you eventually return to the highway, you'll notice that there is NO mileage on that orange tourist sign. There's none for The Dog Cemetery, or The Original Schoolhouse for Doubleup, or The Giant Carved Pig, or even The Overhanging Rock which provides an Unbelievable Panorama of the Entire Wheat Belt. Too right it's unbelievable...it doesn't exist. Somewhere out there, up a gum tree [or in a digital office], is a happy chappy laughing his head off at you.

It is the god of the off-the-beaten-track. So don't rely on digitised maps. [There's a spot in upper Victoria I can vouch for, where you are driving in a Never Never Land; one minute you are on the road, the next you are in a void, the road you are on does not exist on the map, though every logging track and wombat path does].

So consult a paper map, read a brochure or better still, ask a local for a mud map. You'll at least be assured you'll be home in bed before sunrise, and so will the neatly attired, politely waving tourists.

Author's name withheld

Al Capone Has Become A Good Guy

I read that there has been a decrease in the crime rate. Of course, one effective way to reduce crime is to decriminalise some illegal activities.

Take, for example, the infamous Al Capone, a notorious criminal of the 1930s. His crimes? Bootlegging or illegally selling alcohol. Now there are many vendors of alcohol - not only legal but peddled to the community through clever advertising and sales.

Al was also into the protection racket where a fee was charged to ensure that the business was not targeted by (other) thieves. Hence, we now have the growing and legal industry of security.

Al and his cronies also ran the highly illegal numbers racket which nowadays is called Lotto and is encouraged by Governments who take a significant portion of the profits. Gangsters, such as Capone ran the illegal Tote - betting on the horses. Hence the TAB was born, government sanctioned and highly taxed.

Loansharking was another favourite money spinner. Huge profits were made by charging usurious rates of interest and employing "standover ruffians" to collect the payments. Contrast that activity with our present day payday loan companies that extort charges, penalties and over 200% interest - these companies don't need to hire ruffians to ensure repayments as their business is legal and the full weight of the law is on their side. Besides, there are "collection agencies" that will, for a fee, ensure repayment.

I won't mention prostitution, tax evasion, gambling via pokies and casinos and other trifling peccadillos as other examples.

Now, if we can only decriminalise burglary, breaking and entering and theft (overseen by a Government department) then we can halve the crime rate and have plenty of room in our existing gaols.

Gerry Chapman

ALEX BERRIE IS 21



Alexandra Berrie celebrated reaching 21 with a special meal at Jamie Oliver's restaurant with family and friends. Happy Birthday Alex. Alex is pictured at left.

Gosnells Writers Circle Hits The Airwaves!

It was a groundbreaking step for Gosnells Writers Circle, conducting the first broadcast of their new radio show on 107.3 Heritage FM on the 16th November.

Charismatic Volunteer presenters, Christian Barratt and Lauren Thomas, led the banter with GWC members Bernie Williams, Sue Palmer and Author Barbara Gurney sharing some of their work and each talking about their writing journey.

The weekly show will include a variety of literary guests chatting about reading, writing and relative viewpoints as well as sample work from GWC produced anthologies and their magazine SHOWCASE which is released three times a year and is available at local outlets. (see website).

The big event - The Writers Circle Interactive Community Writing Challenge will be another new and exciting step for the group aimed at encouraging the community to expose themselves to writing.

Tune in to their show on HERITAGE FM 107.3 Sunday: 3pm - 4.30pm Sioban Timmer

Bushfire Ready & Neighbourhood Watch

There are a number of similarities with actions suggested when you belong to these two entities.

Given the recent spate of burglaries and other crimes in our area, Neighbourhood Watch is worth considering.

The need to get to know your neighbours, including their phone number, is critical whether there is a fire threatening, if you have been broken into or if you believe there is a threat from persons nearby.

Obviously with the threat nearby the Police are the to first call but knowing there is someone next door who is aware of your situation and maybe able to assist would be reassuring.

With Bushfire Ready it is suggested that you photograph all your belongings in your home and note details of their value so that you have proof of your loss when you make claims with your insurance company. This information is required when your home is burgled. Bushfire Ready encourages home owners to check insurance premiums to ensure they cover the real replacement costs of assets which relates also to the losses experienced with robbery. Neighbourhood Watch support includes a 'Home Owners Property Register' with excellent guidelines for information required to note on key assets. Plus they recommend a UV ink pen to mark your property which makes items harder for burglars to sell.

Armadale Neighbourhood Watch has numerous other pamphlets with advice and information that is vital if we want to gain a real understanding of crime prevention for ourselves and our community.

You can also link into **ewatch** an email based system that connects residents to their local police and Council www.ewatch.com.au.

I encourage your Bushfire Ready Group to consider joining up with Neighbourhood Watch. If you are not with a Bushfire Ready Group (and you really should be) consider joining up with your neighbours for Neighbourhood Watch. There is nothing to lose

but so much knowledge and awareness to gain.

The Neighbourhood Watch Armadale contact is 9399 3514. Information on Neighbourhood Watch is available from the Roleystone Family Centre.

The key is getting to know your neighbours which not only assists with bushfire situations, major weather events and crime, but also creates a great neighbourhood which supports each other and a creates a great community to live in.

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Halloween

The most amazing thing happened on Friday 31st October - Roleystone embraced Halloween in a most delightful way. The central part of Roley lit up with ghouls and witches arriving from all quarters to join the Halloween Disco. It was organised by Deb De Boer and supported by a range of members of the Roleystone Musicians Club.

Particular thanks to Enno, Jasper, Megan Blakely, Amy Willis, Kayleen, the musicians and the scouts.

The event was a huge success. Over 300 dressed up children at the primary school section made the decision very difficult. Thanks to all the kids for dressing up in costume and their parents for supporting this so enthusiastically. It all added to the atmosphere. A huge thank you to our beautiful fairy Amy and horrible vampire Jasper who led the parade and kept the kids entertained!

Our biggest thanks to Deb De Boer for taking on this amazing task.



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LAUNCH OF WISHES FOR STARLIGHT

A large and enthusiastic group of friends, family and book lovers enjoyed author Linda J Bettenay's Book Launch of Wishes For Starlight. The event was held in the Mary Hargreaves Pavilion in the rose garden at the amazing Araluen Botanic Park on Sunday 16th November.

Over 100 friends took the opportunity to socialise and of course buy a copy of her latest book. In her talk Bettenay revealed her newly released novel: 'Wishes For Starlight' is a story from our local area. The dastardly deed happens in Moondyne Joe's Hollow in Araluen Botanic Park.

In Bettenay's talk she explained how this story came from her father's and grandfather's memories and although it is historical fiction it's also grounded in factual events. The central character, Starlight, was a deaf mute Aboriginal, born in the 1890s in Canning Mills, a thriving timber town.

'Starlight was discovered living in a chook pen and fighting dogs for scraps by three remarkable children. Their actions result in the aboriginal boy being adopted by the community and over the next thirty years their friendship and loyalty enabled Starlight to survive in this time of prejudice and disadvantage,' explained Bettenay.

'Wishes For Starlight' is steeped in our pioneering history: when the orchards, the dams and the timber mills were being established, when typhoid epidemics

threatened daily survival and fears of forest fires, destitution and starvation were very real. A time when the Zig Zag railway was built, the horse and cart reigned and barn dances provided entertainment.'

Bettenay has tied in many themes and events of the time into her novel; the difficulties of migrants, the challenges faced by women and the marginalisation of anyone who was not 'normal'. She explained that in this period 'The War to End all Wars' accounted for the loss and mutilation of many soldiers while also seriously impacting on those 'left at home' but it also allowed for the blossoming of mateship. 'My launch was lovely and I thank everyone for coming along. Special thanks to Liz, Grant and Rod from Araluen Park for their support, my brother Kim for playing delightful music all afternoon and my family and friends for making it all possible. Plus of course everyone who has come along to share this great day with me. Writing my books has been a fulfilling experience - I am hoping that they contribute to the understanding of the history of our amazing location.'

If you would like to know more about Linda's Books, how and where you can buy Wishes For Starlight or Secrets Mothers Keep or for details on events or purchasing the book go to www.lindasbooks.com.au or for details on the author tours visit her facebook page www.facebook.com/lindasbookswa or email me on infor@lindasbooks.com.au



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We recently had a parent evening at the centre. Our guest speaker Robbie from Childcare Experts spoke to us about the benefits parental involvement can have on the Centre. We offer parent information evenings twice a year and love hearing feedback about what parents want from the centre.

In November we had a Maori Dance group show us some traditional dances/clothing. They painted the children's faces and sang songs. We have some cool excursions coming up: going to the beach for the day, a trip to Kings Park and to the cinema.

For more information please ring 9496 1665 or email roleystone@mulberrytree.com.au

Mishani Areaiiti
Mulberry Tree Child Care



Black Cat Morning Tea

On Friday 31 October I held a Black Cat Halloween morning tea at my house. We were raising funds for Armadale Community Animal Rescue Group (a not for profit organisation). We raised \$124.50 by a gold coin donation to attend and two raffles.

The prizes were donated by Heather Kershaw, Tupperware Demonstrator (0439996081) and Angela Riley Independent Phoenix Trader (0403311211).

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The Staff at Roleystone Animal Hospital would like to thank everyone for their continued support and wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

We will be open over the Christmas and New Year period by appointment, but closed on Public Holidays."

Merry Xmas from Your Chemist Crew

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Tony Jacobs and Albert Chambers at The Seniors' Morning Tea

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Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch was opened in March 2007, with the aim of establishing a local banking alternative in Roleystone, for the benefit of the local community.

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Again, on behalf of the Board and staff at Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank® Branch, we take this opportunity to thank those customers who have continued to support us.

We wish all customers and residents of Roleystone and Karragullen a Merry Christmas and Happy Prosperous New Year.

Tony Jacobs
Branch Manager
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Bendigo Bank Sponsors New Bowls Division



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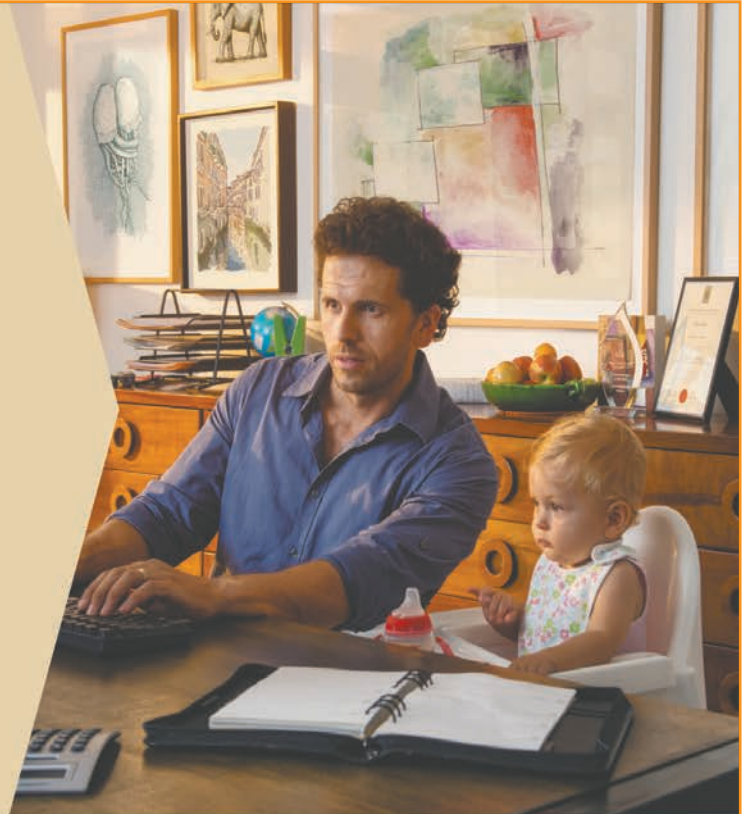


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Mixed Results At The Start Of The RKCC Season

The 2014/15 season is now 2 months old and there's mixed results across the board so far with none of the sides particularly dominating their respective grade.

A grade are showing none of the form that lead them to back-to-back premierships over the last two seasons and the absence of a few key players hasn't helped the cause.

All is not dire in A grade though as we found ourselves in similar circumstances 3 games in to the previous two seasons and were still able to go on to win the flag. So heads up boys, get amongst it.

One of the surprises so far is that Trent 'Turbo' Stuart is yet to register a '5-fa' and Michael Mobilia has already scored more than his usual 30 run contribution. The world really has turned on its head.

B grade are also having a tough time of it and are yet to register a win from their two games played, the second round being a bye. Brett 'Tina' Turner is the shining light for B grade this year and has earned a call up to A grade having belted 68 and 76 in the two B Grade games he's played so far this season, all in the while taking 4/31 and 6/22 in the first match.

Captain Greg 'Rick' James also picked up figures of 5/25 but despite this it still hasn't been enough to warrant a win for them. They are however set to play their first home game of the season in the next round and in 4 of the 5 rounds thereafter and so are expecting some results at the home of cricket.

Although C grade were beaten outright in the last over of the last round, they started the season strongly with two comprehensive wins over Glen Forrest and Middle Swan. Despite the loss, C grade still sit quite comfortably in 4th spot some 7 points clear of 5th and only 2-3 points behind 3rd. With 7th place Muchea up in the next round the boys will be hoping to bounce back from the loss to Swan View.

The big win in the first round has certainly helped the boys' confidence but with centurion Jesse Roberts out injured it leaves a spot for someone else to step up. It could well be Brad Stewart who managed 90 in the first game but there are plenty of guys in that side that are

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more than capable.

It has also been a bit of a topsy-turvy season so far for D grade who are unfortunate to be sitting 7th on the table with two wins. Only 6 points separates 7th from 2nd so a couple of wins and Lars and Robbie's boys will be right back in the mix.

Justin 'Dicko' Dickensons 57 against Bullsbrook helped them to 8/143 but it was the inspired bowling that edged D grade a win having taken 5/12 after the break to win the match. The second match also saw some great bowling from Paul 'Manno' Manning and Matt Greenhow to restrict the visitors to just 88. Our response of 5/97 meant D's were able to record their second win.

E grade are following a different points system this year from the rest of the grades with a quotient system being used. Factoring in the bye, the guys have lost only one game so far and sit 3 points behind the league leaders and one point behind 3rd.

Vinnie Baeli's 53 in the first match wasn't enough to see off Ellenbrook but since then Matt Faranda's 53* and Paul Manning's 5/24 against Middle Swan ensured an easy win while Simon Maddy who returns to the club after a long hiatus managed 43 in another comprehensive win over Bullsbrook. A second Matt Faranda 53* and a John Stapleton 61* also allowed E's to cruise to another win over Maylands in the last round. So all going well in E's.

With a few guys off injured and away for various causes, we continue to look for new players to join the club.

If you're interested in playing, feel free to come down to Cross Park on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday afternoon and have a chat to the boys.

Todd Bendall





Liz Dunn

ARALUEN NOTES

Bendigo Bank's Carols by Torchlight Sunday 14 December

Come and join in the spirit of Christmas in the picturesque setting of Araluen Botanic Park on Sunday 14 December. You are welcome to come early and enjoy a picnic tea before the carols commence.

At 7.00pm popular gardening media personality, John Colwill will introduce the evening's performers commencing with the Town of Victoria Park Brass Band, which will set the mood with a medley of Christmas tunes. The community singing of carols will be led by the beautiful voices of the Roleystone Community College Choir. A special guest appearance by the very talented folk/blues artist, Mike De Velta will add to the evening's enjoyment. Fruit mince pies, soft drinks, sausage sizzle and tea and coffee will be on sale.

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our principal sponsor the Roleystone-Karragullen Community Bank.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Service held on Tuesday 11 November and was very well attended by school students, veterans and the general public.

Thank you to the Reverend Susan Thorp-

Gudgeon who conducted the special service.

Our thanks must also go to Karen West and the students from the Roleystone Community College and soloist Kim Bettenay who sung the very moving 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda'. Thank you Len for reciting the 'Ode' - you do it so well.

Volunteers' Evening

Our volunteers' appreciation evening was very well attended on Sunday 16th at the Mary Hargreaves Pergola. The volunteers were treated to fresh baked gourmet pizzas by Charlie's Mobile Pizza Oven and for something completely different. Café Oranje served freshly cooked Poffertjes (Dutch mini pancakes) with various toppings absolutely delicious.

The Pergola was in demand on that day with a fashion shoot, then the launch of Linda's new book: 'Wishes for Starlight' which more or less rolled into the Volunteers' Appreciation Evening.

Management Change

Rod Ross, the Park's General Manager retired on the 28 November. Having worked closely with Rod for 15 years it is going to be hard saying goodbye.

It has been a pleasure working with Rod and I feel the Park has been extremely fortunate to have had Rod's guiding hand taking the Park to where it is now. As someone once said to me: 'He's a great man to have in your corner and is always there when you need him'. I know I speak for all the staff when I say 'thank you' and enjoy many years in retirement Rod.

Congratulations to Grant Nixon on his appointment to General Manager.

Men's Shed - December Report



This month the Shed has been busy with the run up to Christmas and the next Roleystone Market day. One of our Shed members, Roy, started a fairly big project a few months ago, the end result being a "Cubby house". As you may see from the picture the 'house' is approximately 2.4m x 1.2m and 2m high with an attached verandah of 2.4m x 1m.

We are selling it complete with a table and two chairs for \$950 and will provide driveway delivery. Anyone wishing to purchase this magnificent cubby house please contact Phil Aked 0429 688 844. In addition to the "cubby house" we have also been hard at work producing our gas bottle barbecues and various products for the house and garden for sale at the next market day.



The highlight of the month was on Thursday 21 November, when TV presenter Darren Seinor and his film crew visited the Shed as part of filming a segment for his program featuring the Roleystone Garden project. He was particularly interested in our production of 'trug' baskets for carrying garden produce enabling them to be washed before use in the kitchen. You will see Darren's skill in woodworking when you view the program which will be aired on Channel 9 on Saturday 6 December at 5:30pm. At the end of filming the Garden and Shed members along with the film crew enjoyed a morning tea on the verandah of the old school building. A very enjoyable morning for all concerned.

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The Australia Day Quiz

Each year our family indulges in an Australia Day Quiz. It causes great hilarity and great consternation for those not born and bred in our great land. With no January Courier - this is timely!

I hope you enjoy it:

- In 1977 there was a referendum for the national anthem - what were the choices?
- Complete the missing line: 'In come the dollars and In come the cents don't worry folks when the coins begin to mix on the 14th February 1966.'
- Which of the following is not an Australian innovation?
a) Chiko Roll b) Lawn Sprinkler c) Plastic banknotes d) Dual flush toilet e) wine cask f) Hills Hoist?
- What do the A and the C stand for in ANZAC and in what conflict was it first used?
- In 1812 the colony had no coinage! They re-cast 40 000 Spanish Silver Dollars. How many Holey Dollars and Colonial Dumps did they end up with?
- What nick names are carried by these 'Sheila Sport Teams'?
a) Australian Women's netball
b) Woman's Basketball
c) Women's Soccer
d) Women's Cricket
e) Women's water polo
- Fill in the following bits of Aussie slang:
a) Point Percy at the.....
b) A few snags short of a.....
c) Full as a.....
d) Fair suck of the.....
- Who is Bill Shorten's Mother-in-Law?
- What colour is/are:
a) Passiona
b) Tony Abbott's ties
c) John Howard's track suit
d) Dame Edna Everage's hair
e) The Australian cricket team cap
f) The Geelong AFL jumper stripes
g) Tony Abbott's budgie smugglers
- Which of these singers has won Australian Idol: Shannon Noll, Courtney Murphy, Guy Sebastian, Jessica Mauboy, Jonny Ruffo or Anthony Callea?
- What Australian Government produced advert was banned in the UK in 2007?
- Who is the main character in the Australian Comic books about a red-haired pre-teenage mischief-maker first drawn in 1920 and still appearing in Australian newspapers today?
- What was the most recent cyclone to batter the Western Australian coast and where did it cross?
- Put these drinks in order from largest to smallest in terms of volume: schooner, middy, a slab, pint, pony, Darwin stubby.
- What caused the 'biggest upset' on Derby Day in Victoria in 1965 and why? (PS it wasn't on the track it was part of the crowd?)
- What are the Gilt Dragon, the Batavia and the Zuytorp?
- Who said it?
a) I like my whisky old and my women young.
b) Well may we say God save the Queen, because nothing will save the Governor-General.
c) Obviously I wasn't the fastest skater. I don't think I'll take the medal as the minute-and-a-half of the race I actually won. I'll take it as the last decade of hard slog.
- To what does this Australian Museum entry refer to: *Thylarctos plummetus are commonly said to be unusually large, vicious, carnivorous marsupials related to koalas (although the koala is not a bear) that inhabit treetops and attack their prey by dropping onto their heads from above.*
- What are you making?
Mix together flour, water, salt, sugar and butter and wrap the dough around a stick and place on the hot coals. When it sounds hollow when you tap it take it off and eat with hot butter and jam....
- What was the lady in the picture below so happy to get for Christmas?
Bonus: Translation of foreign languages
a) G'day Bro, guv me sum fush en chups (New Zealand)
b) We no hab yrr sigh (Balinese)
d) Sick mate, but wot's with the grommet on the esky lid droppin' in while I'm in the tube (Surfy Dude)

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The City of Armadale is seeking stallholders who are keen to participate in the Australia Day celebrations and fireworks display on Monday 26 January, at Minnawarra Park, in Armadale.

The much anticipated Australia Day celebration is one of the City's most popular events and the spectacular fireworks display attracts thousands of people every year.

The City is seeking a variety of food vendors and commercial vendors to cater

for the expected crowd, as the festivities continue well into the night with a variety of entertainment on offer for the entire family. This year's Australia Day festivities will start from 5pm – around dinner time!

Entry to the event is free – and it is a smoke free venue.

For more information or to register, visit the website www.armadale.wa.gov.au or contact the City of Armadale Events Officer on 9399 0111.

Australia Day Quiz Answers



1. 1977, God Save the Queen, Waltzing Matilda and Advance Australia Fair
2. To replace the pounds and the shillings and the pence
3. Lawn Sprinkler
4. Army Corps and WW1 - 1914
5. 40, 000 of each, Dumps were worth 15 pence each
6. a) Diamonds b) Opals c) Matildas d) Southern Stars, e) Stingers
7. a) Point Percy at the porcelain b) A few snags short of a barbie c) Full as a goog d) fair suck of the sauce bottle (or savaloy)
8. Quentin Bryce
9. a) orange yellow b) blue c) green d) purple e) dark green f) dark blue and white g) red
10. Guy Sebastian, All the others came second and Jonny Ruffo won X factor
11. 'Where the Bloody Hell Are You?' Ad campaign.
12. Ginger Megs
13. Cyclone Christine, between Karratha and Hedland
14. pony, glass, middy, schooner, pint, slab
15. Jean Shrimpton's miniskirt (and she was not wearing a hat or gloves either!)
16. Ship wrecks: The Gilt Dragon - Ledge Point, the Batavia - the Abroholos and the Zuytorp - off Kalbarri
17. Errol Flynn, Gough Whitlam, Steven Bradbury
18. Drop Bears
19. Damper
20. Her new Westinghouse Twin Tub washing machine



Seasons Greetings

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you are able to spend quality time with your family, friends and loved ones. 2015 is nearly upon us, may the New Year bring success and happiness in your life. Please remember to be courteous on the roads and mindful of other road users.

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Finally, a BIG THANK YOU to all RMC members who performed at the Club Nights this year and to our loyal supporters who make up the audience.
Pictured below: two RMC members Kim and Pat playing extraordinary tunes at the Rock Inn Tavern.
We take a break over the summer school holidays with our next Club Night scheduled for February 2015. The date will be published in the Feb edition of the Courier or check our Facebook Page.
For info regarding the RMC, please contact Deb de Boer. Email: president@rmewa.com.au, call 08 9397 7007 or SMS 0468 62 68 68.

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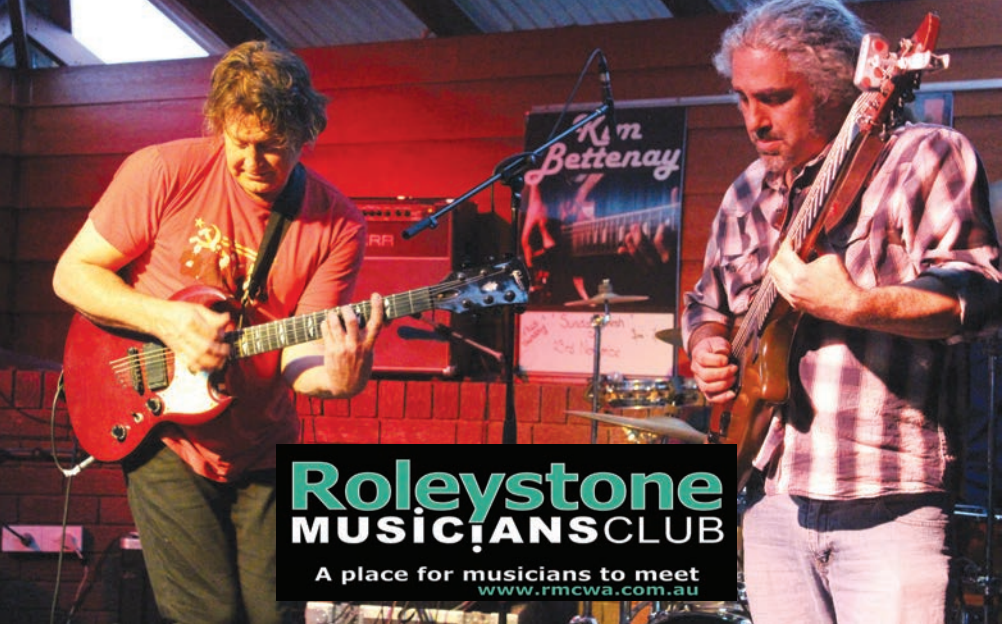


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Dance Fit Dance Academy has 2 weeks of dancing for free from the 1st December till the 14th December so if you'd like to join the Dance Fit family come give us a visit. We also have summer programs on over the Christmas break & we are taking enrolments for 2015. For further information please call Megan on 0400093325 or email us: dancefitdanceacademy@gmail.com

The Dance Fit Team Pictured

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2. Jenayah Malasits
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Instruction in treating the trees is available with very knowledgeable people. Also, if you help out at the field day, you will be allowed to take home our equipment to treat your own trees. Please check our website at 8.00am on the morning of the field day for any cancellation notice or ring Diane on 0408886474. There will be no field day in January.

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The 2015 season is set to commence on the third Thursday in March with a programme of visits to a mix of private gardens, commercial nurseries and public events, such as Garden Week and the Kings Park Festival. Put a note in your diary for next year to come and join us. Wishing all Roleystone gardeners a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, with a hope that the summer months will not be too harsh on our beloved plants!

Lynn Matthews
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Flowers in Araluen

Gardening Notes with Jean

What a lovely morning it was! The Roleystone Garden Group met in Reed Rise here in Roleystone, and what a lovely group of people they are.

We wandered the garden then had a scrumptious morning tea. Then the rain came, not a lot yet just enough to encourage us to get out and get rid of any snails that appeared out of the crevices and rocks. There are certain plants that are most attractive to them. My Madagascan Hemp makes it very easy to spot them. I do not mind picking up the snails but hate the slimy bodies of slugs. A word of caution if you find really fat huge slugs these are our friends and they eat the other slugs. So please do not squish them.

A friend and I ventured off to a geranium and pelargonium display this month. She suggested that if we left at 9-30 we would be in plenty of time. Lo and behold we arrived at 10-30am only to see crowds everywhere. It was like a bunch of locusts the way the plants disappeared out of the hall. It was truly evidence of the popularity of these species. I feel they are amongst the most popular of all plants especially as our climate dries.

Another plant that puts up with dry very well is the begonia. There is a lot of variety and the growth habit of each type is so good. Some are virtually ground-covers whereas some of the cane varieties will grow to eight feet. I find it necessary to walk around the garden at least once a day to see which day lilies and bearded iris are flowering.

Today there was a large butterfly on the Buddleja bush which is covered in lovely big soft mauve blooms. I must have lingered for quite a while wishing I had my camera with me. These plants are very rewarding and there are a lot of different colours from nearly black to white.

With verge pick-up occurring now, I hope you took the opportunity to get rid of a lot of the flammable waste that accumulates over the in-between months. I mostly get a chipper in, but this time I have collected a lot of prunings, trying to get the garden tidy and keep it in flower. Your own wood chips are a great idea, they inhibit weed growth and keep the garden moist, also you are not bringing in weeds from other properties.

Last year I bought lots of Frangipanis and most survived and I notice buds forming nicely on them. Pioneer Gardens have just got in a lovely stock of new releases. Maybe if you are not giving Linda's new book 'Wishes For Starlight' as a gift, then a frangipani might be a good alternative.

Seasons Greetings until the February edition.
Good Gardening Jean.



Thanks Jean For Proof Reading 'Wishes'



The Seniors' Morning Tea - November 12th

On behalf of the committee and members of the Roleystone/Karragullen Seniors I would like to thank Tony Jacobs, the staff at Bendigo Bank Roleystone and their many other helpers who organised the morning tea. And the many people and traders who donated prizes.

We had a very enjoyable morning, entertained by Paul Peacock and the Older Women's Network.

Once again many thanks to all concerned.

Albert Chambers

Pictured:

1. Pearl Sibley and Rose Howard
2. Jean and Alan
3. Bobby Chapman
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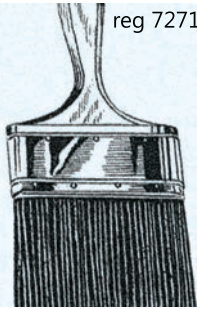
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Roleystone Gumnut Playgroup

With the year almost over, I would like to hand out some massive thank yous to all of the 2014 committee members. Well done to Kerry for all her efforts as President, it's a massive job but she has handled it wonderfully, all with a fantastic smile and a laugh.

Thanks to Claire for the fabulous work in getting all the toys in order, finding new toys and organising fundraising efforts. Thanks to Bianca for a great job in getting all our finances in order, also Marie for her endless registrar work. To Toni for ensuring we always have our coffee supplies and Jen for all her great craft ideas.

One of the recent craft projects (pictured) was to use small cars to make tracks in paint. The kids then went outside to put the cars in a "carwash". It was a lot of messy fun!

Thank you also to the group leaders and everyone who helped clean up after our little ones each week.

Thanks must also go to those who volunteered for the 2015 committee: Saskia and Jane.

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Roleystone Country Club News

As we draw to the end of the year the Club looks back at a very successful 2014 and we anticipate an even more successful 2015.

In November The Club witnessed some major functions. The Melbourne Cup Day saw over 100 guests attending. (See the pictures below and previous page.)

There was also a Drag Night, a splendid 50th birthday party, a motor bike Ride for Cancer and a well attended Corporate Bowls Competition sponsored by the Bendigo Bank.

In December a major highlight will be our highly popular Kids Xmas Party to be held on Sunday the 14th commencing at 11.30 am. Children will be entertained with a bouncy castle, face painting, and Father Christmas (who will arrive at about 2pm. We will also be providing a sausage sizzle, lolly bags and fun competitions for the kids, so please come along.

We will be having special meals on Xmas Eve. Please

book early as numbers are starting to build up for this special evening.

The "Chase the Joker" competition run each Monday and Wednesday night, is attracting huge crowds. The Jackpot has now grown to over \$3000 and there are very few cards left. The excitement continues to grow each week as the Joker eludes all who try to find it. We expect this will be won very soon by some lucky person - it could be you! So come on down and try your luck.

On the sporting scene, members would have noticed the bowls boys are up and running with new shirts, caps and a very competitive spirit. After 5 rounds, the boys are enjoying many wins and sit inside the top 3. They are very motivated to be competitive every time they play. Their enthusiasm is evident on Wednesdays and Saturdays when their noisy good humour can be heard around the bar as they indulge in their favourite drink.

A lot of new young bowlers have joined up and these boys are coming on in leaps and bounds. When they play at home they get a group of members watching and cheering them on. This augers well for the future of the bowls division.

Membership has grown phenomenally over the last 12 months - we currently have over 490 members. We are expecting to go over the 500 mark in the very near future. It's good to see so many young families joining the Club and enjoying all of the facilities. So if you're not a member yet, get into the Club and join up.

On behalf of the Management Committee and staff I would like to wish all members a very happy Xmas and a peaceful New Year. I look forward to catching up with you in 2015.

- See you at the Club
Michael Hansen, President
 Pictured Clockwise 1: Mick Hansen
 2. Tarsha, Cheryl, Tracie, Marianne & Lester
 3. Emma Dealwis and Tyler
 4. Jodie Hansen and Kellegher
 5. Pamela and Alan Lamb
 6. Susan Towler



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Melbourne Cup @ The Club



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GARDEN GURUS VISIT OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Early one recent Thursday morning the old Primary School became alive with Shedders and Gardeners proudly decked in their respective shirts and getting ready for their 2 minutes of fame.

The Channel 9 programme, Garden Gurus were there to film both of our Community ventures for a segment in the Garden Gurus programme to be shown at 5.30 on Saturday 6th December.

Local gardening personality Darren Seinor was delighted when he was told that the programme was going to have a segment on Roleystone and particularly as he has played a significant role in designing the new Community Garden when it finally moves to its permanent site on Cross Park. The "story line" started in the Shed where Darren was guided through the making of a garden trug and then took his "apparently" handmade article out to the garden to fill it with produce he picked fresh from the extremely prolific garden beds.

The guys in the Shed made great extras as the cameraman, sound guy and producer wandered round filming a typical morning session in the Men's Shed, from fine wood turning to the more noisier angle grinding as an inventive twist on a BBQ was put together.

Moving to the garden, Darren changed into his Roleystone Community Garden shirt which the gardeners had presented him with to thank him for his designing

work. More "extras" were asked to weed, hoe and water as Darren and Laurie Scidone walked through between the strawberries and the beans chatting about the garden.

The sun stayed out for the morning which was a bonus as the clouds started to look dark and menacing. The garden was certainly looking its best with the vegetables picked and put into the trug, good enough to eat in fact. The film crew took advantage of the strawberries and fresh beans.

In addition to the great publicity the Shed and the Garden will get through the programme, the garden benefited from the donation of compost tumblers and three hose reels.

This really encapsulates what community gardens are all about. People sharing and growing together. When filming finished the members of the Shed and the Garden put on a morning tea for the production crew of: Cameraman Casey, Soundguy Glen and Producer Cale and of course Roleystone's own Darren Seinor.

The Roleystone community should be very proud of what their community has produced in the Men's Shed and the Community Garden and we can't wait to see the programme on the 6th December. This is the day before our other great community event 'The Roleystone Market' which will feature the Roleystone Musicians Club on this very special Christmas market.

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Agriculture Department Funding Fails Hills Fruit Growers

The decision by the Department of Agriculture and Food WA to spend just \$1 - \$2 million of non-Government money on Area Wide Management (AWM) to control Mediterranean fruit fly across the Perth Hills will devastate local fruit growers, Perth Hills orchardist John Della Franca believes.

Mr Della Franca said that the Department had been studying the fruit fly problem for 20 years but was still only offering growers in the Hills another trial with no new money for a large scale control program.

"The time for trials should be over – we need a full scale Area Wide Management program or fruit fly will destroy our industry," Mr Della Franca said.

This was despite DAFWA announcing, this week, a program to release 5 million sterile Mediterranean fruit flies per week in Carnarvon in 2015 and a biosecurity officer for inspection, hygiene and enforcement duties across commercial and residential properties.

Mr Della Franca commented:

"This is the exact course of action that local growers have asked the Department to implement in the Perth Hills. We are happy for and supportive of the producers of Carnarvon, but we are disappointed that Hills growers are viewed as second class."

Fruit growers will lose the use of the fruit fly pesticide fenthion in less than 12 months. The Agriculture Department had advised the Federal regulator and a Senate inquiry into the impact of banning fenthion that Area Wide Management, trapping and baiting was a successful alternative method of control.

But the Department's response to the ban is another watered down trial in Karragullen – leaving Karragullen marginally protected but the rest of the \$40+ million-a-year Perth Hills fruit crop vulnerable.

Mr Della Franca said Area Wide Management required joint action by the state and local Governments and the community, as well as growers. Industry was prepared to contribute funding to a fully developed control program.

"Growers have no power to enforce hygiene and control measures on residential properties where backyard trees can be the breeding ground for the pest," he said.

DAFWA's Senior Entomologist, Darryl Hardie, told Perth Hills growers at a meeting on November 5:

"There was not one extra cent in the State Government budget for Area Wide Management in the Perth Hills". And most of the \$1-\$2 million trial budget would be swallowed up in "in kind" assistance including paying public servant salaries and vehicle hire.



Dr Hardie told growers it was not the Government's role to run Area Wide Management and that growers "Had 12 months to get their act together".

"If that's the case why has the Department been spending millions over 20 years on tests, trials and overseas trips?" Mr Della Franca said.

The Department also breeds sterile fruit flies for sale to South Australia but not for release in the Perth Hills.

Pictured above: John Della Franca with recently harvested apricots.



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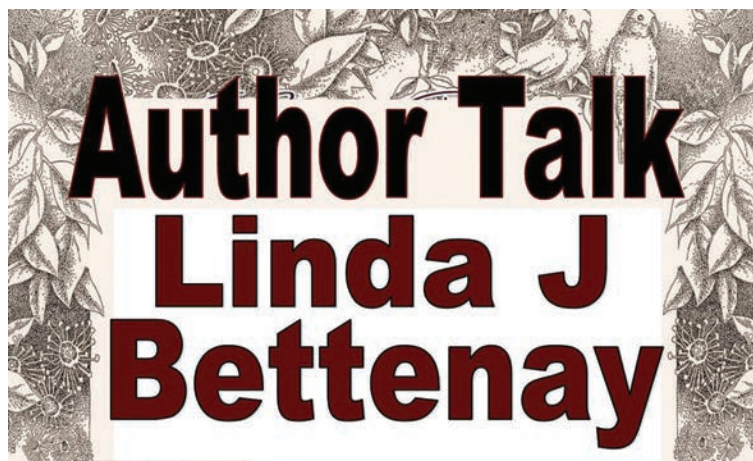
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Linda is a W.A author, who lives in Roleystone. She writes about fictionalized accounts of people and places with which she is most familiar.

Her new book is called 'Wishes for Starlight'.

Wednesday 10th December

5:30 for a 6pm start

Rockingham Library Foyer

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2014 Report THEATRE NEWS



On November 21st we opened our final production for the year, the classic play: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

With Brad Towton yet again treading our boards, this time as the famous Willy Wonka and many other 'old' and new performers coming to our stage, this has been a magical production. The set and effects have been simple but effective in taking you into the world of the chocolate factory.

One audience member even spotted our 'small doors' leading from the foyer to the theatre! We still have a few - not many- tickets remaining for our final performances, so please head to our website www.roleystonetheatre.com.au, to book.

On Sunday the 16th of November we held our auditions for our first production next year.

In conjunction with Laughing Horse Productions, we are presenting the delightful musical - *Footrot Flats The Musical*. The show is based on the comic strip of the same name author Murray Ball.

This musical is being directed by Kelly van Geest and musical direction by Paul Olsen.

Returning to our stage is life member Paul Treasure, as Wal; Oliver Kaiser as Cooch; Thomas Vance as Dog; Linda Bickley as Aunt Dolly; Brad Towton as Cecil the Ram and our very own club President, Bree Hartley as

Dolores. We also welcome with open arms, seasoned members of the Laughing Horse Productions team, Emmalee Bialas and Phillippa Bialas.

The production runs from the 4th to the 21st of March. This show promises to be fully of laughter and music, so please watch this space (and check our website!) for further updates in the New Year.

On Sunday January 11th, we will be holding our annual club awards Sundowner at the theatre. Doors open to members at 5pm with award presentations starting at 5.30.

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An hour later when I was told of this incident I called our local Armadale Team 7 on 0417 519277 to let them know that this had occurred. They told me that they were on the way to Roleystone as they had seen on Facebook that some cars had been broken into around the Cross Park area.

The police get frustrated that they end up being half an hour behind these opportunistic criminals because we don't let them know what is happening. They would rather get as much information as we can give them so they can put all these small parts together to see the overall picture.

From this incident in our community we should learn to make sure we lock our vehicles, sheds and houses plus that we don't leave anything of value, or that looks valuable in your vehicle. (Our car was broken into years ago because they

thought there was a purse on the front seat, it was only a leather bound diary, which we found discarded up the road.)

Report any suspicious behaviour in progress on 131444 thus giving our local officer team a chance to catch these criminals. Or call them on 0417 519277 (the phone call I made this morning took less than 5 minutes). Please call the police before posting it on Facebook (Facebook doesn't catch criminals).

Over the weekends we see lots of homemade signs going up to advertise everything from garage sales, plant sales, cars for sale to directions for birthdays or weddings. These signs go up with enthusiasm but most of them never get taken down and eventually just rot away or blow into the bush. There were lots of balloons put up recently on Croyden Road, probably directing the visitors from the flats on how to find the special 70th birthday party being held at the Golf Estate. Weeks later the remains of these, by now very flat balloons, were still flapping around in the breeze. The people that put these up must have driven past these every time they left the estate.

If you put them up, please take them down.

This late rain has been not only great for the gardens but equally will be great for the weeds. I thought that I had done the last of the whipper snipping but will probably have to go out to knock the weeds down again to prevent the dry grass adding to the bush fire risk.

Some dates to remember are the Carols by Candlelight held at Memorial Park, which includes the spectacular toy parade. This runs from the Jull St Mall to finish at the Park where a visit from Santa will occur. The toy parade starts at 6.30pm on Sunday 7 December with the carols at 7.00pm.

There are also the Carols by Torchlight (no candles are permitted in the bush) at 7.00pm, Sunday 14 December at Araluen Botanic Park with special guest Mike de Velta.



Cr Grant Nixon
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Caroline and I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas.



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Artists of the Roleystone Family Centre will be having our Annual Art Exhibition over the weekend of Saturday 6th Dec & Sunday 7th Dec from 10.00am till 5.00pm. This is always a great opportunity to see the fabulous work of many talented local artists who participate in classes run from the Centre. Most of the artwork is for sale! A picture might make a lovely Christmas present? See you there!
Roleystone Family Centre, Wygonda Road.
Wendy van der Laan

Art Market

Armada Society of Artists Inc. are holding their Christmas Art Market, When; Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December, 10am to 4pm. Where: The Art House and Gallery, 63 Railway Avenue, Kelmscott, Art, Handmade cards, Jewellery and Pottery for Sale, Devonshire teas/cool drinks, Art demonstrations and "Kids Corner" - colouring competition, paint a plate and free lucky dip.
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- Sunday 14 Dec 4.00pm Service for all but especially for those who will be on their own over Christmas
- Wednesday 17 Dec 7.00pm LESSONS AND CAROLS
- Wednesday 24 Dec. 9.00pm Carols in the Garden (share a plate) followed by Midnight Service at 11.30pm
- Thursday- Christmas Day 9.00am – CHRISTMAS DAY celebrate Jesus' birth with us

ROLEYSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

- Sunday 14th December, 9.30am - Children's Christmas play
- Sunday Night 21st December 7pm "CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT" family friendly (Bush Style) @ Roleystone Community Church, 1 Croyden Rd, Roleystone

All the community is welcome

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- Thursday 25th December 9.30am, Christmas Morning Celebration

Good Shepherd Catholic Parish - Kelmscott

- Wednesday, 24 December 6.30pm - Children's Mass, 8.30pm - Latin Mass, 11.30pm - Carols (then Midnight Mass)
- Thursday, 25 December: 12.00am - Midnight Mass, 10.00am - Mass for Christmas, NO EVENING MASS

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- Wednesday, 24 December 8.00pm - Mass for Christmas
- Thursday, 25 December 8.00am - Mass for Christmas

Message From Roley Rec

& Affinty Cafe

Our holiday trading will close from 25th December 2014 to the 11th January 2015. Gift vouchers and Xmas specials are still available to purchase in-store. Thanks to all members of the Roleystone community for supporting us this year. It is awesome to be part of such a wonderful community. The team here at Roleystone Recreation Centre/Affinity Café is looking forward to reopening in 2015 with new instalments and offering more health-promoting services.

Have a safe Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!"

Elaine, Steve, Audrey and Derek Wee



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Pro Bono de Exilio 'Pilbara Spectres' David Bardsley



In the early eighties we spent several years living with 1100 other souls in an isolated Pilbara mining town. Nothing of life in those years could be described as normal!

Professionally, I had total site responsibility and that brought some incredible highs and lows.

Believe me, it was all very different from the current situation - FiFO was unknown then.

Operations were on a scale way beyond anything I had encountered before and commercial pressures led to some ridiculous industrial relations situations.

But perhaps the most bizarre aspects of life were displayed in the social landscape. The overwhelming influence of heaps of young single blokes living for months in dongas of various levels of "luxury" sure distorted ordinary community life. There were some unbelievably hilarious scenes and some really sad ones.

But memories of this time have become fossilised beneath sedimentary layers of adventures lived in a very different context.

I am writing this at Coral Bay, our first return to the Pilbara since those crazy days and I was surprised to find that, away from the glorious Ningaloo coast, the physical landscape started to mess about with these mental fossils.

Driving through the miles of spiky spinifex in the forty degree heat, spectres of times past intruded unbidden.

The humanoid termite nests by the roadside became animated in

my imagination, assuming the form of individuals acting out events long since consigned to the "previous existence" bin for obsolete memories.

For sure some of these made me smile but there is such a shadow over the time that more than once I have sincerely wished them all obliterated. Omitting the excuses, it's sufficient to say Hilary and I, separately and individually, conspired with a couple of these ghosts to stab our marriage deeply in the back. By human standards, these bleeding wounds should have been fatal. But what transpired has been amazing.

Just as things were at their worst, we left the area and moved down to Roleystone. Cutting out the details of a remarkably beneficent series of circumstances, we were taken in hand by a few precious people in what was then the Roleystone Congregational Church.

Through prayer and down to earth practical care, we became transformed. I now look back on life prior to this break point and wonder if I am indeed the same person who messed up so spectacularly all those years ago. The answer is "no". The things that make us who we are have been radically altered. In fact both Hilary and I at different times became new creations, to use a Biblical phrase. And I have no hesitation in saying God's hand was instrumental in all the changes.

I am sharing this with you for two reasons. Firstly, I want to give hope to anybody who is struggling.

Our marriage was not only saved but transformed into something joyful and precious to both of us. If that can happen to us, it can happen to anybody.

Secondly, I want to affirm that God's desire and ability to put things right has no limits, no matter how badly we may have behaved.

We were as unworthy and hypocritical as you could get. Yet we were sought out and welcomed by Him. Of course there are provisos and caveats to these statements, mostly concerning our own motivations and openness. But there is fundamental truth in them both.

Christmas is just around the corner and the first Christmas underpins all I have been trying to pass on to you. Jesus came not just to sort out the hereafter. I am convinced he was and always will be just as concerned with the here and now.

Hilary joins me in wishing all of you in Roleystone a very happy Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
David Bardsley

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Armadale Wildflower Society The Great 2014 Mooja Tree Hunt



Join a Christmas treasure hunt and get your family out and about searching Mooja Trees.

The Mooja Tree is the WA Christmas Tree or Nuytsia floribunda (scientific name). This tree is only wild in the southwest of Australia.

As the name suggests it flowers around Christmas time and it is the biggest mistletoe in the world. Maybe you can kiss someone under our giant mistletoe tree.

Twenty wild Mooja trees in the Perth area have been marked with a QR code. Two of the Mooja Trees are in Subiaco.

The first 20 people to find 10 of these Mooja Trees will be given a young Mooja tree and Mooja Information Pack.

There is a mystery prize for the 10th person to find all 20 trees. The Hunt started on Saturday 15th November and finishes on Sunday 14th December.

To join the Hunt you need a smartphone with the MUNZEE app (to download go to www.munzee.com/download/ its FREE).

This app helps you locate the

trees, read the QR codes near each of the 20 trees and register the tree you have found.

For more information contact Bronwen from the Society on 0418 814 028 or phone Society Office 9383 7979 (messages when office not open) or E-mail wildflowers@ozemail.com.au.

The Armadale branch of the Wildflower Society of Western Australian is always looking for new members and volunteers.

Members come from all sections of the community – from professionals to backyard gardeners to bushwalkers – all share one thing in common – a passion for the Western Australian bush and its beauty.

Feel free attend one of our meetings. The Armadale Branch has monthly meetings and talks at 7:30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We meet at the Field Study Centre, Settlers' Common, cnr of Albany Highway and Triton Crescent Armadale.

There will be no talks or meetings in December or January.

The next talk will be on Thursday 12 February 2015 - Dr Jen Francis: Attracting Frogs to the Garden.

For more information visit www.WildflowersArmadale.org.au or phone 0438 134 278 or 9399 2388.

Roger Harrington

20 Years of Golfing at The Araluen Golf Club

The Araluen Country Club celebrated its 20th anniversary during the month of October which culminated in the Saturday two ball Ambrose event.

Congratulations to the winning pair of Phil Clarkson and Greg Walkington; these gentlemen are the proud recipients of an all-expenses paid trip to Abu Dhabi thanks to our major sponsor Etihad Airways.

October also saw the 2014 presentation night for the winners of the major awards for the season, on hand was the band Vendetta and a great night was had by all. Congratulations to all the winners especially the new club champion Scott "MC" Sparkes.

Looking forward to the Xmas season? We have the Christmas hamper event on Sunday the 14th of December in which Santa will be making a guest appearance. If you are interested in playing golf please do not hesitate to call the resort as there are some extremely attractive offers for joining our great club.

Good golfing!
Ian Pettersson



Astro Highlights December Greg Lowe, Perth Observatory

If you're looking for the right Christmas gift for the astro-nut in your family, consider getting a copy of *Astronomy 2015*, the astronomy almanac.

Or a nice Australian planisphere - a gadget to show what stars are visible and when, at any time of night and on any date throughout the year. Your smartphone app can't do that.

The Observatory has a range of astronomical items in its little shop - books, posters, puzzles, globes and planispheres.

Now, with the summertime stars coming into view, we're hoping for more clear nights; the last couple of months have been pretty cloudy. The public viewing sessions will really take off after New Year.

Early in the month the moon is the dominant evening object. Full moon's on the 6th - on that date at 7pm, the moon will be coming up in the ENE as the sun's going down in the WSW. After the 6th, the moon's on the wane. The major phases for December are: full moon on the 6th, last quarter on the 14th, new moon on the 22nd, and first quarter on the 29th. The first full moon of the new year will be on January 5th.

The longest days of the year are heading our way. The summer solstice is on the 22nd. While that's the longest day at 14 hours and 15 minutes, the day length is over 14 hours from sunrise to sunset for the entire month.

Actually, for Perth the day length is 14 hours or more, from November 27th right through to January 16th. Not good news for those of us who aren't fond of summer.



Wild Gossip: Water For Wildlife

Spring has been a busy time with lots of bird enquiries and admissions. Summer is now here and we need to be aware of our precious wildlife and do all that we can to assist it.

Water is vital for survival and we can help by placing shallow, non tipable containers around our property. Shallow is very important as we don't want anything to drown in the water and non tipable is good to ensure a constant water supply. I find terracotta plant pot bottoms are very good. They can be purchased without the pot at garden centres and variety stores.

Feeding of native birds is not recommended as they tend to become reliant on it. I do feed the birds as I think it is sometimes hard to find food, especially with demanding young in the nest.

I feed them dog sausage which is readily

If you should wonder what the evening skyscape will have to recommend it at Christmas time, there'll be the waxing crescent moon to the right of Mars at nightfall, with Venus low down in the WSW. On Christmas Night, that is.

On Christmas Eve the skinny crescent moon will be visible, but lower down. The shadowed dark side of the moon - the side where the sunlight isn't - will be dimly illuminated by "earthshine" which is simply sunlight that's reflected back off the Earth. Our planet, with its oceans and its clouds, is quite reflective. The moon's not: its surface is dark rock which reflects less than 10% of the sunlight that falls on it.

Venus will be setting about an hour after the sun from mid-December on, and it's more than bright enough to be seen through the western twilight. It'll be further from the sun and easier to see in January, and will be the "evening star" until next August.

Mars is higher up in the western sky at dusk, but only looks like a medium-bright star with a slightly orange hue. Jupiter will come into the evening sky soon, though not in the early evening. In early December the giant planet will rise from the ENE around midnight and be high in the NNE at daybreak. Mid-month will find it rising an hour earlier and standing high in the north at first light.

By month's end Jupiter will be rising around 10pm, culminating high in the north at about 3:15am, and standing out in the NNW at break of day.

available and it contains nutrients that are not available in mince. If you feed mince you must add calcium - this can be purchased at stock feed stores or your local chemist and is essential for strong bones. Feeding of native birds is not recommended but if you choose to do so, please do it properly and if you are going on holiday make sure you get someone to continue the feeding.

I recently had a call about a baby magpie and offered all the advice I could. The caller then told me what to do with the baby magpie. Her advice was incorrect but left me wondering why anyone would phone me at 7am to tell me what to do with the baby magpie she had found!

Please contact me for help for or advice about all orphaned or injured wildlife.

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Holiday Coaching Clinics

Our Club Coach Darren Draper is holding 3 different days of Coaching Clinics during the holidays (7th, 14th & 24th January). Please contact Darren to enrol on 0412 497 778 or email him at topshottennis@gmail.com.

Clinic 1: Is a 2 hour program which will cover all the shots and is for players of all levels. There are lots of prizes and games included. During the 2 hours we will cover: forehand,

backhand, volleys, serve and smashes.

Wednesday 7th January, 9am to 11am, \$18

Clinic 2: is a 1.5 hour program is designed for players of all levels. This program will include technical work on serve and point play (point play will be suited to players levels). It will be held on Wednesday 14th January, 5pm to 6.30pm, \$12

Clinic 3: is a 2 hour program which is similar to clinic 1. Saturday 24th January, 9am to 11am, \$18

All holiday program enrolments to be made by phone or email on 0412 497 778 or email at topshottennis@gmail.com

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